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This is a response to the Official Action mailed May 8, 2003.

Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc., a corporation and existing under the laws of Delaware having its principal office at 51 Valley Stream Parkway, Malvern, PA 19355-1406, represents that it owns the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed in the above-identified application, namely U.S. Patent Application No. 09/642,183, and recorded on August 12, 2002 at Reel No. 013178 Frame No. 0791.

Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. also represents that it owns U.S. Patent No. 6,456,687, Application Serial No. 09/642,553 (Our Docket No.: 2000P07822US01) and hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the patent that issues from this application. Any patent granted on the above-identified patent application

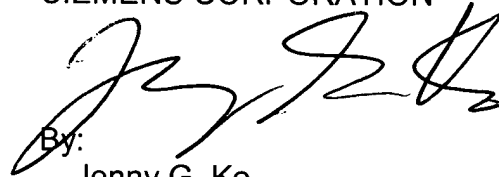
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shall be enforceable only for and during such period that U.S. Patent No. 6,456,687, Application Serial No.: 09/642,553 is commonly owned with the above-identified application. This agreement shall run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and shall bind Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc., its successors, and its assigns.

Respectfully requested,

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